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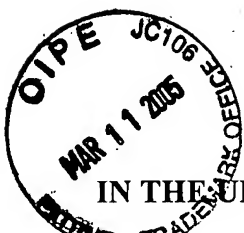
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In re Application of:

Anthony H. JAMES, et al.

Application No. 10/658,351

Filing Date: September 8, 2003

For: ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANT AND SCREW
ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Attorney Docket No. 39262/287705
Date: March 8, 1005

REQUEST TO ADD INVENTORS PURSUANT TO

37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), Applicants request that Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS be added as co-inventors to the above-identified patent application. Enclosed are the following

1. Declaration for Patent Application executed by Anthony H. JAMES, Joseph FERRANTE, Angie MINES, Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS;
2. Correction of Inventorship Declaration of Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS;
3. Consent of Assignee to Correct Named Inventors with attachments; and
4. Processing Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/17i) together with check in the amount of \$130.00.

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REQUEST TO ADD INVENTORS

Applicants respectfully request that Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS be added to the above-identified patent application as co-inventors and that a replacement Filing Receipt be issued in due course.

Respectfully requested,

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- § 3.81 - for a patent to issue to assignee, assignment submitted after payment of the issue fee.

Signature

Michael J. Turton

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

☒ Original

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☐ PCT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a design patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANT AND SCREW ASSEMBLY

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on September 8, 2003

as U. S. Application Serial

Number 10/658,351 or PCT International Application Number

and was amended
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified, by checking the box below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications			Priority Claimed		Copy Attached	
Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	YES	NO	YES	NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of

any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Parent Application Number	Filing Date	Status (Mark Appropriate Column Below)		
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As a named inventor, I hereby revoke all prior powers and appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

I authorize the U.S. attorneys or agents associated with the customer number provided below to accept and follow instructions from my employer (if I am an employee and this application has been or will be assigned to my employer) or the entity with which I have contracted (if I am an independent contractor and this application has been or will be assigned to such entity), as to any action to be taken in the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys or agents associated with the customer number provided below will be so notified by the undersigned.

As a named inventor, I hereby revoke all prior powers and appoint the practitioners associated with _____ to prosecute this application and transact all

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I acknowledge that the attorneys and agents associated with the aforementioned customer number are with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and represent my employer (if I am an employee and this application has been or will be assigned to my employer) or the entity with which I have contracted (if I am an independent contractor and this application has been or will be assigned to such entity) and in such cases do not represent me individually. I further acknowledge I have not established, nor will I seek to establish, any personal attorney/client relationship with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in connection with this

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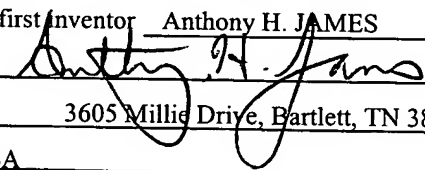
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Full name of sole or first inventor Anthony H. JAMES

Inventor's signature 

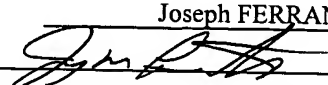
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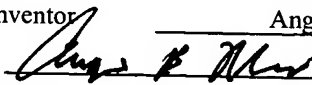
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Date 2/7/05

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Inventor's signature *Thomas A. Russell* Date 2/4/05
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Full name of fifth inventor Roy SANDERS
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INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

Dear Sir:

We, Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS, declare as follows:

1. We have reviewed the specification and claims of the application and have determined that we are co-inventors of the above-identified patent application as filed on September 8, 2003.
2. The omission of us as co-inventors was inadvertent and without deceptive intent.
3. We enclose an executed Declaration for Patent Application executed by the undersigned as well as the originally named co-inventors, Anthony H. JAMES, Joseph FERRANTE and Angie MINES.
4. The omission of us as named co-inventors was discovered upon review of the application in connection with the preparation and filing of continuation applications on September 8, 2004.

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DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

The undersigned Declarant further declares that all statements made hereon of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that the statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 The United States Code and that such willful false statements jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 2/4/05

Thomas A. Russell

Thomas A. RUSSELL

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DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

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Roy SANDERS



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECT NAMED INVENTORS

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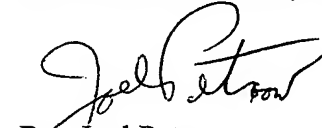
The undersigned, as authorized representative of SMITH & NEPHEW, INC., certifies that SMITH & NEPHEW, INC. is the sole assignee in the above-identified patent pursuant to assignments from the inventors to SMITH & NEPHEW, INC., copies of which are attached. The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.

The undersigned consents to the correction of inventorship to add Thomas A. RUSSELL and Roy SANDERS as co-inventors.

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CONSENT TO AD INVENTORS

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.

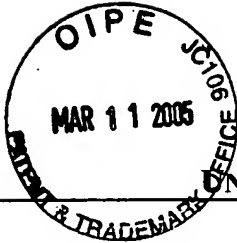
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By: Joel Petrow

Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: Feb 4 2005



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FERRANTE, JOSEPH

DOC DATE: 01/21/2004

ASSIGNOR:

MINES, ANGIE

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To the Honorable Commission

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attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Anthony H. JAMES
Joseph FERRANTE
Angie MINES

Additional name of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Smith & Nephew, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 1450 Brooks Road

City: Memphis State: Tennessee Zip: 38116

Additional Name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Internal Address: Smith & Nephew, Inc.

Street Address: 1450 Brooks Road

City: Memphis State: TN Zip: 38116

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: ☐

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00

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Michael J. Turton, Reg. No. 40,852

Name of Person Signing

Signature

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Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Anthony H. JAMES, Joseph FERRANTE and Angie MINES (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application entitled **"Orthopaedic Implant and Screw Assembly"** filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 8, 2003 and assigned U.S. Serial No. 10/658,351; and

WHEREAS, Smith & Nephew, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application, any utility application claiming priority thereto and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the

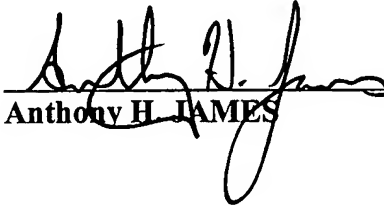
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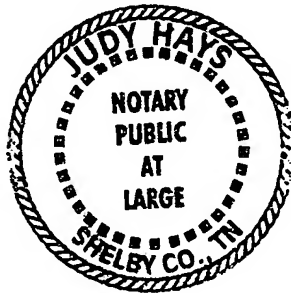
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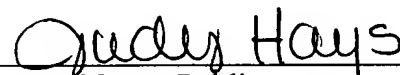

Anthony H. JAMES

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Tennessee, on this 27 day of January, 2004, personally appeared Anthony H. JAMES, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

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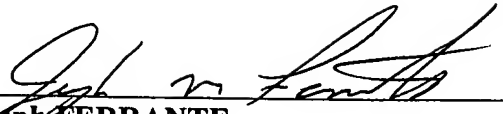



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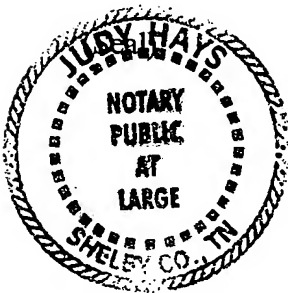
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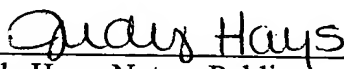


Joseph FERRANTE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Tennessee, on this 21 day of January, 2004, personally appeared Joseph FERRANTE, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.





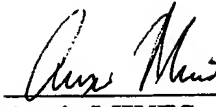
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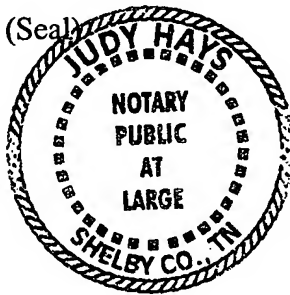


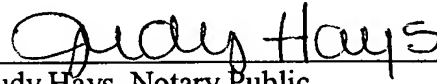
Angie MINES

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Tennessee, on this 21 day of January, 2004, personally appeared Angie MINES, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as her free act and deed.

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Judy Hays, Notary Public

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